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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)	t a					
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CIV. 609 (5/2012)

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

# CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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2-3-14 Date (215) 238-8700	Henry W. Attorney-at-law (215) 238-8710	Attorney for  tid@duffyfirm.com				
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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LYNETTE JONES

12 Stone River Road : CIVIL ACTION

Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

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**v.** 

: NO.

ILIA S. ZELTSER, M.D.

919 Conestoga Road Building One, Suite 300

Rosemont, PA 19010

and

ACADEMIC UROLOGY, LLC : 919 Conestoga Road :

Building One, Suite 300 :

Rosemont, PA 19010

: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

and

:

THE BRYN MAWR UROLOGY GROUP

919 Conestoga Road : Building One, Suite 300 :

Rosemont, PA 19010

#### **COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff, Lynette Jones (hereinafter "Plaintiff Jones") is an individual citizen of the State of New Jersey.
- 2. Defendant, Ilia S. Zeltser, M.D. (hereinafter "Defendant Zeltser") is an individual citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 3. Defendant, Academic Urology, LLC, is a corporation formed pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with its principal place of business in Pennsylvania.

- 4. Defendant, The Bryn Mawr Urology Group, is an unincorporated division of defendant, Academic Urology, LLC, formed pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with its principal place of business in Pennsylvania.
- 5. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332. There is complete diversity of citizenship and the amount in controversy exceeds One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars.
- 6. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant Zeltser was the agent, servant, and/or employee of Defendant, Academic Urology, LLC.
- 7. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant Zeltser was the agent, servant, and/or employee of Defendant, The Bryn Mawr Urology Group.
- 8. On April 25, 2011, Plaintiff Jones, sought treatment from Defendant Zeltser for a mass on the upper pole of her left kidney.
- 9. As a result of the consultation on April 25, 2011, at the recommendation of Defendant Zeltser, Plaintiff Jones underwent laparoscopic surgery performed by Defendant Zeltser on May 26, 2011.
- 10. After Defendant Zeltser performed laparoscopic surgery on Plaintiff Jones, there was a follow-up consult on June 10, 2011.
- During the follow-up visit of June 10, 2011, Defendant Zeltser advised Plaintiff Jones that the pathology report for her surgery was benign and that she should return for follow-up in six (6) months.
- 12. On December 12, 2011, Plaintiff Jones returned for follow-up care with Defendant Zeltser. During the visit of December 12, 2011, Plaintiff Jones was advised by Defendant Zeltser that an ultrasound that had been performed two (2) days earlier was negative, and that Plaintiff Jones had no residual sequelae and her condition was benign.

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- 13. On February 17, 2012, Plaintiff Jones began experiencing abdominal pain.
- 14. Plaintiff Jones went to The Hospital of the University of Virginia where she was enrolled as a student.
  - 15. Testing revealed that Plaintiff Jones had a large abdominal mass.
- 16. On February 17, 2012, Plaintiff Jones underwent surgery at The University of Virginia Hospital, at which time it was discovered that she had a large malignant tumor.
- 17. Prior to February 17, 2012, Plaintiff Jones had no means to know or discover that she had a large metastatic mass in her abdomen.

## <u>COUNT I</u> <u>Lynette Jones v. Ilia S. Zeltser, M.D.</u>

- 18. Plaintiff Jones incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth herein at length.
- 19. Defendant Zeltser deviated from the standard of care and was negligent in rendering treatment to Plaintiff Jones by failing to properly perform surgery and conduct follow-up care for Plaintiff Jones.
- 20. Defendant Zeltser deviated from the standard of care and was negligent in failing to properly advise Plaintiff Jones of the true nature of her condition following the surgery that he performed.
- 21. Defendant Zeltser was negligent in providing medical care to Plaintiff Jones for the abdominal mass.
- 22. As a direct result of the deviation of the standard of care and/or negligence by Defendant Zeltser, cancer in Plaintiff Jones was allowed to grow and metastasize.

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- 23. As a direct result of the deviation of the standard of care and/or negligence by Defendant Zeltser, the risk of Plaintiff Jones developing cancer and/or having the cancer grow and/or metastasize and/or spread increased significantly.
- 24. As a direct result of the deviation of the standard of care by Defendant Zeltser, Plaintiff Jones has sustained serious injuries including an increased risk of cancer and an actual occurrence and growth of cancerous tumors, which have resulted in her need for extensive medical care and incurring extensive medical costs. This has also resulted in her reduced life expectancy, the need for future medical care and costs, and a reduced ability to work and a decreased earning capacity.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Lynette Jones, requests this Court enter judgment in her favor and against Defendant, Ilia S. Zeltser, M.D., together with costs and damages for delay.

#### <u>COUNT II</u> <u>Lynette Jones v. Academic Urology, LLC</u>

- 25. Plaintiff Jones incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if set forth herein at length.
- 26. Defendant Zeltser was the agent, servant and employee of Defendant, Academic Urology, LLC.
- 27. Defendant, Academic Urology, LLC, is liable for injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff Jones.

WHEREFORE, Lynette Jones, requests this Court enter judgment in her favor and against Defendant, Academic Urology, LLC, together with costs and damages for delay.

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# <u>COUNT III</u> <u>Lynette Jones v. The Bryn Mawr Urology Group</u>

- 28. Plaintiff Jones incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 29. Defendant Zeltser was the agent, servant and employee of Defendant, The Bryn Mawr Urology Group.
- 30. Defendant, The Bryn Mawr Urology Group, is liable for injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff Jones.

WHEREFORE, Lynette Jones, requests this Court enter judgment in her favor and against Defendant, The Bryn Mawr Urology Group, together with costs and damages for delay.

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